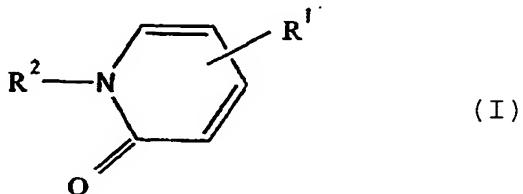


## CLAIMS

1. A pharmaceutical liquid composition comprising as an active ingredient a pyridone derivative represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl group optionally having a substituent and R<sup>2</sup> is a phenyl group optionally having a substituent or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a solvent capable of dissolving said active ingredient in a high concentration.

2. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to Claim 1, comprising as the active ingredient a 5-methyl-1-phenyl-2-(1H)-pyridone (Pirfenidone) wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a methyl group at the 5-position and R<sup>2</sup> is a phenyl group in the formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the solvent is a diethylene glycol monoethyl ether.

4. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to Claim 3, wherein the diethylene glycol monoethyl ether has a purity of 99% or higher.

5. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, further comprising a

concentrating agent.

6. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, further containing an antioxidant.

7. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to Claim 6, wherein the antioxidant is an  $\alpha$ -tocopherol.

8. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 7, which is suitable to be administered orally, percutaneously, nasally or vaginally or as a spray, patch, inhalant, injection or intravenous drip.

9. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 8, having the following components:

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>% by weight</u>
Pirfenidone	1-25
Diethylene glycol	
monoethyl ether	70-80
Ethanol (95%)	0-10
Polyvinyl pyrrolidone or hydroxypropyl cellulose	0-3
Sodium metabisulfite	0.02-2
Methyl or propyl paraben	0-0.5
<u>Purified water</u>	<u>0-25</u>

10. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according

to any one of Claims 1 to 8, having the following components:

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>% by weight</u>
Pirfenidone	10-25
Diethylene glycol	
monoethyl ether	75-80
<u>Purified water</u>	<u>0-10</u>

11. A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 8, having the following components:

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>% by weight</u>
Pirfenidone	10-25
Diethylene glycol	
monoethyl ether	75-80
$\alpha$ -Tocopherol	0.1-0.5
Hydroxypropyl cellulose	0-3
<u>Purified water</u>	<u>0-10</u>